Carson

Philadelphia June 8th 1844.

Dear Dr.

I have taken the liberty of addressing you with regard to a desideratum, one which from other quarters I have not been enabled to supply. I have been informed & think by Mr Nuttall that the Rheum palmatum grows under cultivation in the Botanic garden at Cambridge, if this be the case would you do me the favour to prepare a specimen for me large enough for class demonstration, when placed on pasteboard. This must be near the time when the plant is in flower. If I can in any way reciprocate such kindness it will afford me much pleasure.

Very sincerely yours &c

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